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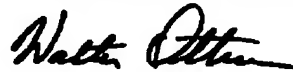
Claims 1, 10 to 12, 21 to 23, 25 to 28, 30, 32 and 33 are cancelled and claims 2 to 6, 24 and 29 are amended. Claims 2 to 9, 13 to 20, 24, 29 and 31 are pending in this application of which claims 4, 13, 24, 29 and 31 are in independent form.

The disclosure is amended on pages 1 and 3 as suggested by the Examiner to delete "6,822,729" and substitute -- 6,930,758 -- therefor. Accordingly, the specification should now be in compliance with 35 USC 132.

Claims 13 to 20 and 31 are allowed and claims 4, 24 and 29 were objected to only as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 4 is amended to include all the features of claim 1 from which it had depended so that claim 4 should now be allowable. Claims 2, 3 and 5 to 9 are all dependent directly or indirectly from claim 4 so that these claims too should now be allowable. Claims 24 and 29 are amended to incorporate all the features of claims 21 and 26, respectively, from which they had depended and are now in independent form so that they too should be allowable.

The application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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